

North Carolina CHIP Disaster Relief State Plan Amendment

- 1.4.** Provide the effective (date costs begin to be incurred) and implementation (date services begin to be provided) dates for this SPA (42 CFR 457.65). A SPA may only have one effective date, but provisions within the SPA may have different implementation dates that must be after the effective date.

SPA #20-0005

Purpose of SPA: To implement provisions for temporary adjustments to enrollment and redetermination policies and cost sharing requirements for children in families living and/or working in Governor or FEMA declared disaster areas in North Carolina. In the event of a natural disaster or public health emergency, the State will notify CMS that it intends to provide temporary adjustments to its enrollment and/or redetermination policies and cost sharing requirements, the effective and duration date of such adjustments, and the applicable Governor or FEMA declared disaster or public health emergency areas.

Proposed effective date: March 13, 2020

Proposed implementation date: March 13, 2020

- 4.3. Methodology.** Describe the methods of establishing and continuing eligibility and enrollment. The description should address the procedures for applying the eligibility standards, the organization and infrastructure responsible for making and reviewing eligibility determinations, and the process for enrollment of individuals receiving covered services, and whether the State uses the same application form for Medicaid and/or other public benefit programs. (Section 2102)(b)(2)) (42CFR, 457.350)

CHIP Disaster Relief:

- The State may waive: (1) the annual enrollment fee and co-payments; and (2) unpaid enrollment fee balances for applicants and/or current enrollees who are living and/or working in Governor or FEMA declared disaster or public health emergency areas or other areas as determined by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.
- At the State's discretion, the State will extend the time period for processing applications for applicants who are living and/or working in Governor or FEMA declared disaster or public health emergency areas or other areas as determined by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.
- At the State's discretion, the State will extend the time period for processing redeterminations for enrollees who are living and/or working in Governor or FEMA declared disaster or public health emergency areas or other areas as determined by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. In cases where the State exercises this flexibility, it will continue to furnish services

until an individual is determined ineligible.

- 6.2.** The State elects to provide the following forms of coverage to children: (Check all that apply. If an item is checked, describe the coverage with respect to the amount, duration and scope of services covered, as well as any exclusions or limitations) (Section 2110(a)) (42CFR 457.490)

The state may waive the prior authorization requirements for services listed in Section 6 of the CHIP state plan for enrollees who are living and/or working in Governor or FEMA declared disaster or public health emergency areas or other areas as determined by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

Section 8. Cost-Sharing and Payment

North Carolina will waive the annual enrollment fee for applicants and/or current enrollees who are living and/or working in Governor or FEMA declared disaster or public health emergency areas or other areas as determined by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

- 8.7.** Provide a description of the consequences for an enrollee or applicant who does not pay a charge. (42CFR 457.570 and 457.505(c))

North Carolina will waive unpaid enrollment fee balances if the child's family is determined to have been living and/or working in Governor or FEMA declared disaster or public health emergency areas or other areas as determined by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

- 9.10.** Provide a 1-year projected budget. A suggested financial form for the budget is below. The budget must describe: (Section 2107(d)) (42CFR 457.140)

North Carolina anticipates that the proposed disaster event provisions will not make any notable impact on the budget.